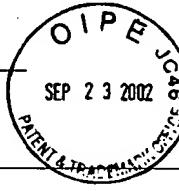


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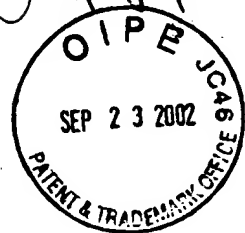
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In response to the Office Action dated 16 July 2002, finally rejecting claims 10, 12, and 16 – 29 in the above application, it is requested that the following amendment be entered since it may place the application in condition for Allowance or in better form for Appeal. Accordingly, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the following claims per the clean copy shown below, as subsequently explained by a marked-up version attached as Exhibit A.



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